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c. 1910

Castle Food Products

Baltimore

not accessible/public

The Castle Food Products Company, dating from the first decade of the twentieth century, is located adjacent to the Poe School on the east side of Greene Street. It is typical of early twentieth century small manufacturers with a shopfront and business facilities in a structure of the same scale and general configuration as most of its neighbors, nineteenth century row houses. The first floor elevation contains two entrances separated by a glass-block, projecting window and planked by brick piers with molded stone capitals. The second floor contains four adjacent windows in a recessed brick panel topped by a dentilled cornice with plain frieze, executed in wood. The interior is that of a brick-walled workhouse with large unobstructed amounts of space serviced by a freight elevator and rear loading platform.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Castle Food Products

AND/OR COMMON
111 N. Greene Street**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 111 N. Greene Street

CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF
STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore City**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: abandoned

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME State of Maryland, University of Maryland Telephone #:853-3683

STREET & NUMBER
Office of University Planning, University of Maryland
CITY, TOWN College Park VICINITY OF
STATE, zip code Maryland 20742**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #: RHB 3608
Folio #: 76STREET & NUMBER
Calvert & Fayette Streets
CITY, TOWN BaltimoreSTATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

___EXCELLENT
XGOOD
 ___FAIR

___DETERIORATED
 ___RUINS
 ___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

XUNALTERED
 ___ALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE
 ___MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure at 111 North Greene Street, dating from the first decade of the twentieth century, is located adjacent to the Poe School on the east side of Greene Street, between W. Lexington and W. Fayette Streets. The unfenestrated north side of the building is now exposed and bounded by a parking lot. It is a two story brick commercial building which has served a variety of businesses, most recently the Castle Food Products Company from which the University of Maryland acquired the property in 1978.

The exterior Greene Street facade is articulated on the first story by two recessed entrances placed on either side of a projecting window bay. The window bay occupies the middle third of the first story and is composed of ten rows of glass blocks both on its street face and on the two sides receding to the main block of the building. These ten rows sit atop a base of regular bricks laid in common bond with top cornice as a slightly projecting sill. Vertical wood panels are applied between the top of the glass blocks and the heavy cornice which divides the first from the second floors. This dentilled cornice, executed in wood, consists of plain frieze, upon which was painted the company name, sandwiched between a multiple molded strip below and a series of moldings above containing a strip of dentils covered by a mock boxed cornice, fillet, cymarecta and fillet. At each side of the entry ways are brick piers which are topped by molded stone capitals. The ceilings of the entrance alcoves are panelled in wood and the floors are tile.

The two sets of double doors are identical: each wooden door contains a long rectangular glass panel in the top half and a smaller square wooden panel below. The doors are surmounted by a molded transom/bar (reading from top to bottom: fillet, cyma, fillet, fascia, cyma) which is in turn surmounted by a one-light transom.

On the second story in a recessed panel are four 1/1 equal-sized, double hung windows divided from one another by narrow wooden stiles and possessing slightly projecting stone sills, each abutting the next. Above these windows is a molded architrave functioning as a continuous lintel. This architrave consists of (in ascending order from the top of the window to the top of the architrave) fascia, fillet, dentils, fillet, cyma, fillet. Dividing the two feet or so of brick wall between this lintel and the roofline is another molded strip of fascia moldings. Above this strip is a brick frieze area composed of all stretchers laid vertically. The rest of the entablature consists of a boxed cornice atop modillions; multiple moldings separate the frieze from the modillions.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.
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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Castle Food Products building is a valuable urban example of a small, early twentieth century commercial building. Its composition features an unusual juxtaposition of modern materials (glass blocks) with classical forms (molded trim in stone and wood).

The Castle building's designer insured the building's harmonious interaction with the surrounding streetscape by respecting height and scale of the neighboring nineteenth century row houses. With adjacent Poe School, built in 1880, it survives to form an important visual anchor to the corner of Fayette and Greene Streets--a significant factor given the destruction of a group of row houses on its north side.

Built as a small manufactory and used continuously by small businesses until its acquisition by the University of Maryland in 1978, the Castle building continued the nineteenth century tradition of integrating businesses and residences in this heterogeneous block just south of Lexington Market.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ellen K. Coxe, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

12/79

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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111 N. Greene Street
Baltimore City
Maryland
Description Continued
Continuation Sheet #1

The interior of the first floor contains a narrow hallway housing the stairs on the south side of the building and room behind room on the north side. The original wooden stairs and substantial newel with ball finial remain intact. A doorway exists on the north side of the hall, just inside the south entrance to the building, lending access to the front room lit by the storefront, glass block window. The east wall of that room is a partition of folding doors leading to the larger back room which can also be reached from the hallway. The rear room features two 6/6, double hung windows, about 3' x 3' and subsequently blocked up and covered with a metal grille. Two segmentally arched soldier courses of brick constitute the lintels; the sills are wooden. There is an elevator shaft extending from basement level to second floor which, like the stairway, possesses tongue and groove panelling. The wooden ceiling joists are exposed with brick bracing.

The basement, accessible via a wooden stair, is floored in concrete with a four foot wide opening toward the street forming a bulkhead.

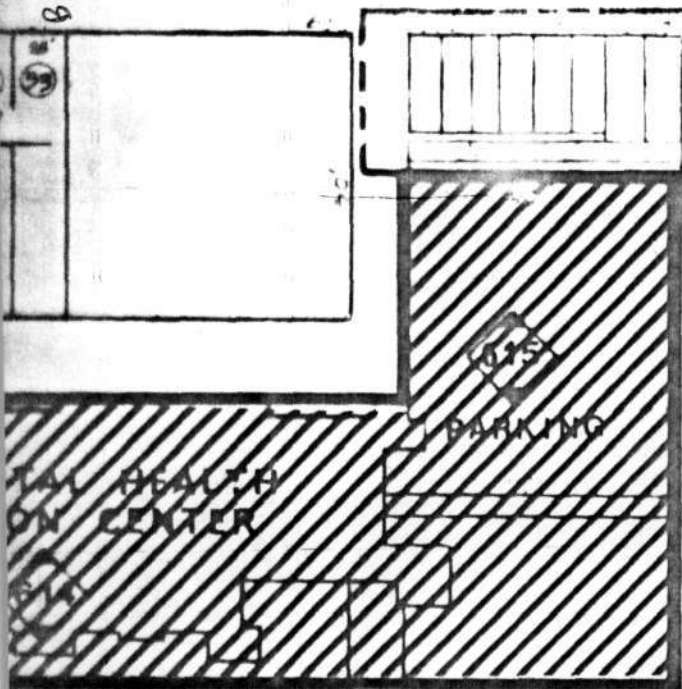
The second floor, lit by the wall of windows on the west facade, is subdivided by partitions into two small offices at the west end; the remainder of the floor is unobstructed and characterized by exposed brick walls. At the east end of the building is a brick wall articulated by two 6/6 double hung windows, subsequently blocked up but the southernmost one retaining its tin shutters; and a doorway, like the windows surmounted by a jack arch, at the southeast corner. This door gives access to an extension of the building, adjacent to a loading platform. This room is floored in portland cement; the walls are exposed brick with two buttresses each on the north and south walls.

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W. LEXINGTON STREET

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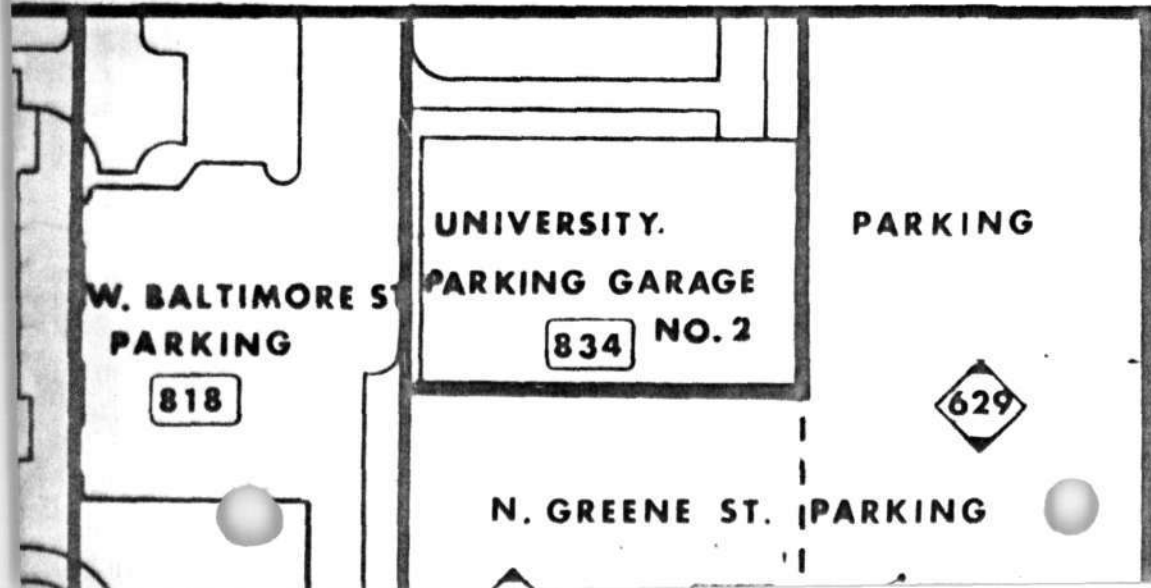


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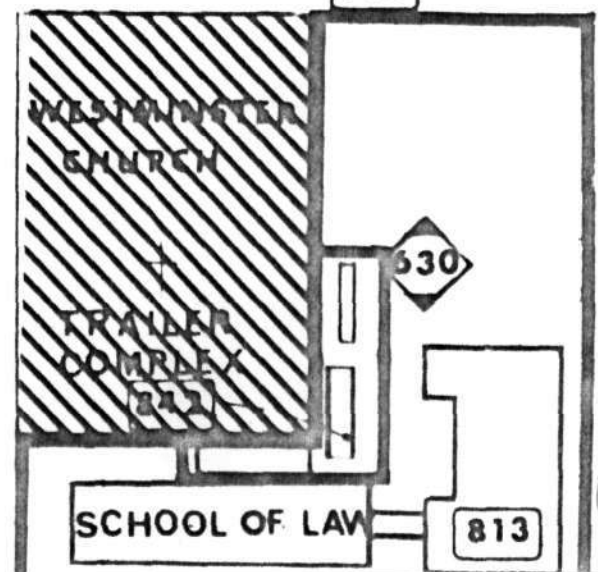
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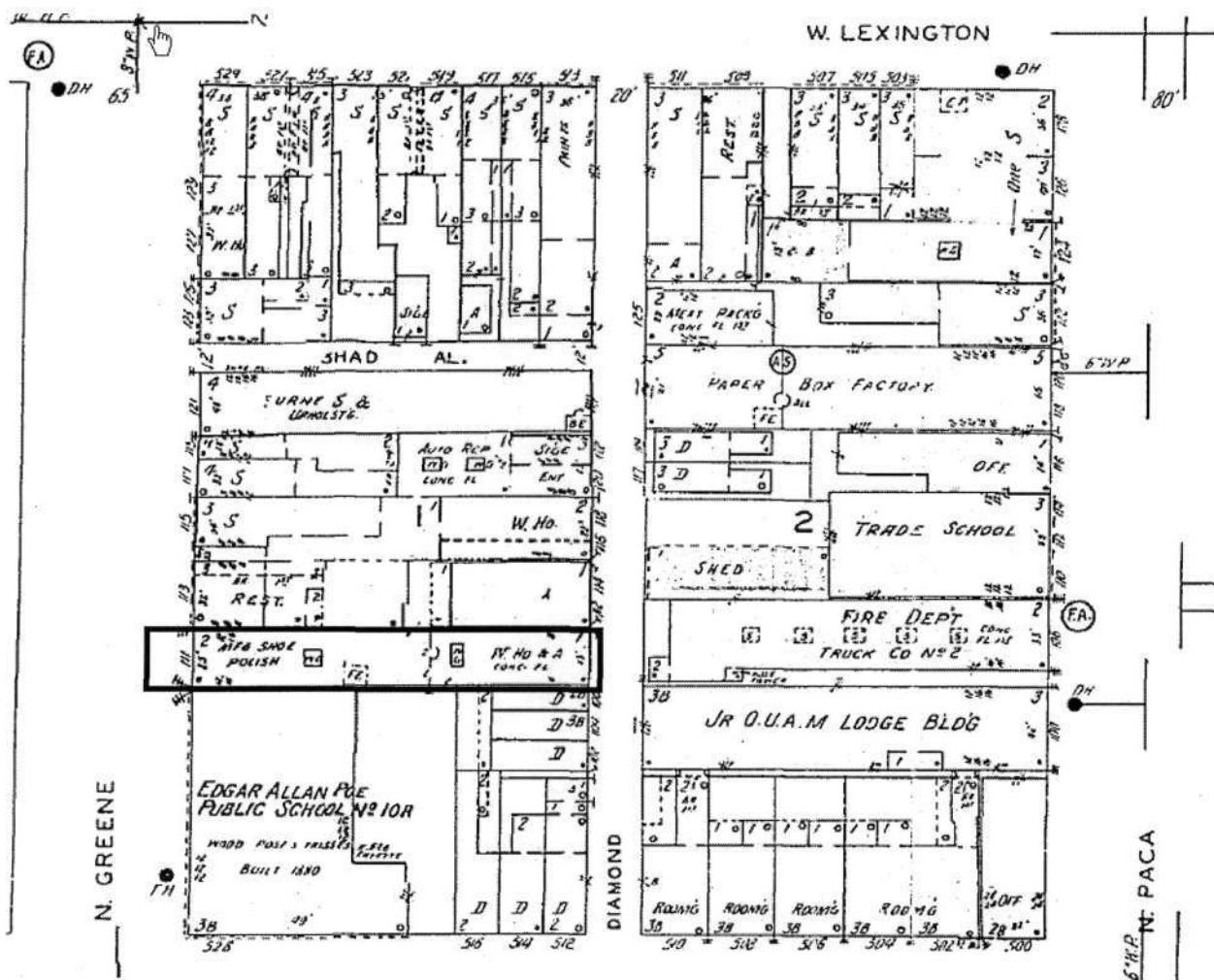


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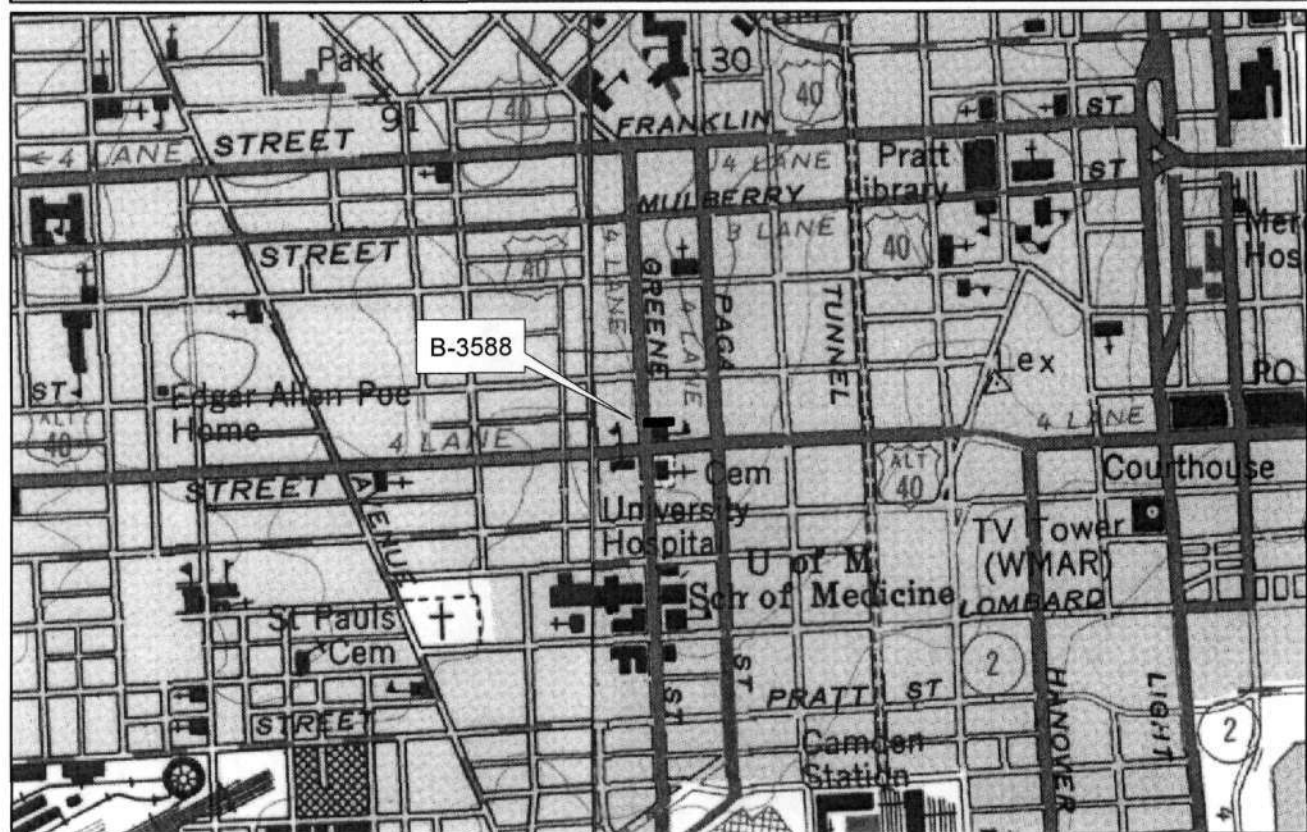
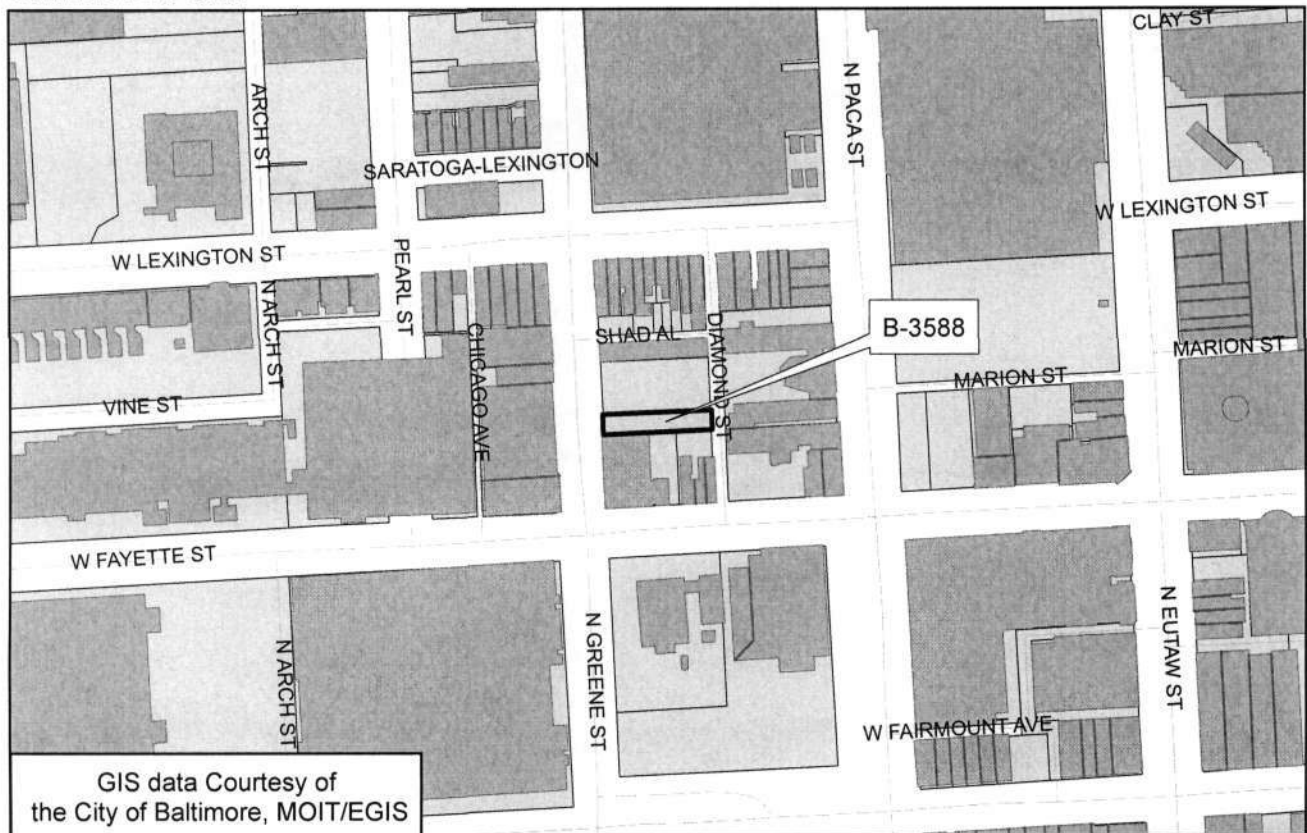


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111 N. Greene Street
Block 0617 Lot 007
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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West facade.

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Detail: west facade cornice.

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Castle Food Products Building
111N. Greene, Baltimore, MD; c. 1910.
Interior: stairway from first to
second story
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